REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 30 May 1996

Name of applicant/court: William Bernard Boyd

Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable

Title of Publication: Inches October 1995

Other Known Titles: Inches October 1995, Volume 10, Number 2

Director: Not Applicable

Producer: Not Applicable

Publisher: Mavety Media Group, Ltd.

Author: Not Applicable

Format: Magazine

Country of Origin: USA

Language: English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reasons(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display conditions:

Either

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication; or any package in which the publication is kept

and

that the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package

and

that the publication must be publicly displayed only in premises, or a part of premises, set aside for the public display of restricted publications (whether or not articles other than restricted publications are also displayed in those premises or that part of those premises).

Or

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication; or any package in which the publication is kept

and

that the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package

and

that where the publication is publicly displayed in a package, the package must be made of opaque material.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

Inches October 1995 contains graphic descriptions of sexual activity, and photographs and line-drawings of naked and semi-naked men in sexually suggestive poses. It is considered that the sexual content of the magazine is presented in such a manner that there would be likely to be injury to the public good if the magazine were made available to persons under the age of 18. However, although an element of dehumanisation is present in some of the magazine's photographs, illustrations and text, it is not considered that the magazine would be likely to cause injury to the public good if made available to an adult audience. The main reasons for this decision are that the degree of dehumanisation is not considered to be major, and that the manner in which men are portrayed in the magazine tends to be admiring rather than derogatory. It is also noted that the magazine is likely to have little appeal outside of the homosexual male community, and is unlikely to be widely circulated.

The Classification Office therefore classifies *Inches October 1995* as

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